

DEAR EDITOR....

Hospital Plan

Editor,
Torrance Press,
I am aware of your efforts on behalf of the Torrance hospital for expanded facilities. However, according to statistics presented by you, the proposed expansion does not meet the present requirements. It would appear that an additional 150 beds, rather than the proposed 38 would be closer to answering the needs of our fast growing community.

The proposed addition, violating all set-back regulations, and permanently detracting from the beauty of Engracia avenue, ignores adequate present needs and does not provide for future growth. It is short-sighted planning, since there can be no question that with the continuing rapid growth of Torrance, the proposed expansion would be grossly inadequate within a few years, and we would again have to face the same problem.

Over a year ago, when the Christian Church moved from its location on Engracia avenue, adjoining the hospital, Mr. Sam Levy purchased this property in order to prevent it from coming into the hands of speculators, and with the intent that he would transfer it to the hospital without profit, in order that a logical expansion might be accomplished.

For reasons unknown to me, you did not see fit to acquire this property, and as a protection against another church purchasing it and thereby causing

further congestion and parking problems on Engracia avenue, and since our youth activities program was inadequate, I recently purchased this property for a youth center, at the original purchase price.

Since it is fitting and proper that the hospital should expand at its present location, and it is a happy circumstance that there is adjoining property which can be used, and a modern two-story addition constructed, the Church of the Nativity, in order to work out mutual problems, is willing to transfer this property to the hospital at original cost.

There are many civic minded residents of Torrance, Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan, and all of the areas that this hospital serves, who, together with the 60 staff doctors of these communities, could successfully undertake, as a community project, a drive to secure the necessary funds for this purpose. In this manner, a long range program can be accomplished and adequate provision made for the future needs and growth of the hospital.

I will be glad to meet with your committee at your earliest convenience in a spirit of fraternity and co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,
REV. PATRICK J. McGUINNESS

Editor,
Torrance Press,
As a business man and a builder I would like to give this thought to the people of Tor-

rance, the doctors and the hospital board, and bring to light a few facts, especially for the many newcomers to Torrance area, served by the Torrance hospital.

I have always been sorry that I did not do more and say more 20 years ago when the City Council put the Torrance Library on Post and Cravens instead of in the Civic Center at El Prado and Cravens. The reasons for this was a total of \$2000 in the price of the lot.

I believe that now is the time to use foresight for hospitalization for the city of Torrance. Building two wings to the present hospital, will only take care of present needs. What of two years from now?

These things should have been given thought 15 years ago. It is not too late to plan for future building and parking.

We can build a connected hospital for the same size proposed, by purchasing the corner lot, which is offered the hospital at no profit. This plan would not exceed the cost of the proposed two wings and still retain the beauty of the present site and also allow for future expansion.

Since the last improvement at the hospital, Torrance has grown from 12,000 population to 44,000. Why not let some of the new citizens have a hand in the growth of Torrance.
(signed) **SAM LEVY**

James Cayton carried the professional cross, and Miss Margaret Cayton was the official offering bearer for St. Andrew's school at the recent Diocesan festival service held in Occidental Bowl. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Cayton of 635 W. 214th street, Torrance.



CUB SCOUTS from Pack 732 of Torrance, enjoy a ride aboard a self-propelled motor vehicle during their recent tour of Fort MacArthur. A complete tour of the installation, lunch in an

Army mess hall, and the showing of Army films were among the activities provided for the group during their visit.
(Official U. S. Army Photo.)

Two Road Projects Planned

Two major road improvement projects are planned here during the coming fiscal year. The cost will be close to \$100,000, which money will be allocated from the state motor vehicle gasoline tax fund, it was disclosed.

Slated for improvement are Torrance boulevard, between Maple avenue and Crenshaw boulevard, and Crenshaw boulevard between Carson street and Sepulveda boulevard.

The \$58,000 Torrance boulevard project entails resurfacing of the stretch and improvement of the shoulders.

The Crenshaw job will result in widening of the section from 25 to 40 feet to conform to sections recently completed to the south.

This will come from a \$131,000 allotment from the department of motor vehicles. To be added to this is a \$35,000 hold-over from the allocation for the current fiscal year.

The sum over the money earmarked for the two major projects is slated for various smaller improvement and traffic control jobs.

TEACHER CARAVAN TOURS US

A caravan of fifteen teachers will be off again this week on a tour of the United States in order to see the government in action and to absorb the historical atmosphere of this country at first-hand.

Ross Sciarrotta, Sr., of 1630 Beech, will lead this group of Long Beach State College students on the second annual tour of America.

Sciarrotta started this program at the State College last summer receiving national praise and recognition for it.

The six-week tour, for which college credit is given, will consist of two parts: a field trip in U. S. history and a course in American institutions.

The group will travel in cars and will visit many dignitaries and places of political and historical importance in Washington, D. C. and other parts of the nation.

Room For 10 On Caravan

Fifteen boys from the Torrance YMCA area have signed for the caravan trip to the High Sierras and Yosemite National Park from July 29 to August 5, Stan Roberts Camp Director announced.

There is room for 10 more boys between the ages of 12 and 16 to go on this trip, the first such sponsored by the Torrance YMCA.

Final Primary Tabulation

Complete but unofficial returns on last week's primary election are as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL 17th District	
Democratic	
King	53,687
Finch	11,292
Republican	
King	9,296
Finch	30,286
Wells	1,498
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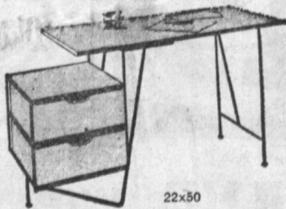
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